

HOUSE RESOLUTION 52

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Bernice Gillard of
Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Bernice Gillard; and

WHEREAS, Bernice Gillard was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a community leader and civil rights activist, Mrs. Gillard was a longtime member of the NAACP and participated in the March on Washington; she played an intricate part in the fight for voter's rights and voter registration drives during Dr. Willie W. Herenton's candidacy for mayor of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, having accepted Christ at a very early age, Bernice Gillard was an active and devout member of Miracle Temple Ministries, which she served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Bernice Gillard was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she was the proud mother of Juanita E. Gillard-Hilliard, Melanie F. Gillard, Mendy L. Gillard, John Q. Gillard, and Carlton A. Gillard; she is lovingly remembered by a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gillard was preceded in death by her parents, Gowee Shannon Moore and Will B. Moore, Sr.; her husband, Joseph Gillard; her brother, Will B. Moore, Jr.; and her daughters, Vera Lewis and Ava T. Flynn; and

WHEREAS, Bernice Gillard leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Bernice Gillard, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Gillard.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.